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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To revise the Accreditation Policies and Process Standards published in the 2009 edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, including all Appendices and the Glossary. The proposed revised edition is enclosed. The revised Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010 will be effective for school year 2010-2011.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: MS Code 37-17-6

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	<b>Action proposed:</b> _____ New rule(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference <b>Proposed final effective date:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	<b>Date Proposed Rule Filed:</b> _____ <b>Action taken:</b> _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed <b>Effective date:</b> _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Paula A. Vanderford, Director, Office of Accreditation

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Paula A. Vanderford*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



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## MEMORANDUM

To: School District Superintendents  
Members, State Board of Education  
Members, Commission on School Accreditation  
Other Interested Parties

From: Paula A. Vanderford, Director  
Office of Accreditation 

Date: August 20, 2010

Subject: Revisions to Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009

On August 20, 2010, the State Board of Education granted approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process for the proposed revisions to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009*. All accreditation requirements contained in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* are open to public comment. These changes will be effective for school year 2010-2011 upon completion of the APA process and final approval by the State Board of Education.

Comments regarding either document must be in writing and received in the *Office of Accreditation* no later than September 30, 2010. You may submit your comments by email to [pvanderford@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:pvanderford@mde.k12.ms.us), fax to (601) 359-1979, or submit them to the mailing address below. Whatever method you choose, PLEASE submit your comments only once. It will help us avoid unnecessary duplication. All written comments will be submitted to the State Board of Education at their next scheduled meeting on October 22, 2010.

A draft of the proposed *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010* can be accessed through the MDE website at:

[http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/rev\\_accred\\_stand\\_2010.pdf](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/rev_accred_stand_2010.pdf)

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Accreditation at (601) 359-3764.

c: Dr. Tom Burnham  
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Leadership Team

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